

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Upperman High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2018 TSSAA Division I Class AA State Girls' Basketball Championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize and applaud those successful high school sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable group of athletes is the Upperman High School girls' basketball team, which recently won the 2018 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division I Class AA State Girls' Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit, and the Upperman Lady Bees exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, traveling to the Murphy Center at Middle Tennessee State University, the Lady Bees buzzed their way through the bracket by defeating East Nashville Magnet School by a score of 62-51 and Haywood High School by a score of 65-56; and

WHEREAS, in the final round, Upperman High School squared off against the Macon County High School Tigerettes in a fierce battle of skill, teamwork, and perseverance that went to overtime before the Lady Bees pulled ahead with twenty-two seconds remaining in the game, emerging victorious by a final score of 64-62; and

WHEREAS, this tremendous victory not only gives the Upperman High School girls' basketball team consecutive state championship titles, but it also caps an unparalleled and undefeated season of 37-0; and

WHEREAS, the members of this exemplary basketball team are Akira Levy, Ashlyn McClellan, Brooke Shrum, Riley Hurst, Reagan Hurst, Chloe Maynard, Laryn Sissom, Tory Brooks, and Trinity Smith; and

WHEREAS, Upperman point guard and two-time Miss Basketball winner Akira Levy was named the State Tournament Most Valuable Player for the second consecutive season; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bees undoubtedly benefited from the vast knowledge and steadfast leadership of their head coach, Dana McWilliams; and

WHEREAS, these young women from Upperman High School epitomize all that is good in today's student athletes, as they have achieved the highest level of success and shown the highest degree of character both in and out of the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Lady Bees of Upperman High School for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the Upperman High School girls' basketball team upon winning the 2018 TSSAA Division I Class AA State Girls' Basketball Championship, applaud the team's tremendous athletic prowess, and extend to each member our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.